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SUBJECT: MARCOS CREATES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1. AT CONCLUSION OF LOYALTY DAY SPEECH AT CAMP AGUINALDO SEPT 10, PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED HE WAS FORMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (BATASAN NG BAYAN) TO BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SANGGUNANG BAYANS AND OTHERS HE MIGHT DESIGNATE. THE PRESIDENT SIGNED DECREE ESTABLISHING COUNCIL WHICH HE SAID WOULD SHARE IN HIS LEGISLATIVE POWERS. PRESIDENT MARCOS PREFACED ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BODY BY NOTING UPCOMING REFERENDUM AND NEED FOR INCREASED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AT END OF UN-INSPIRING AND RAMBLING LOYALTY DAY ADDRESS. DESPITE MARCOS' PROTESTATION HE WISHES SHARE LEGISLATIVE POWER, BODY COMPOSED OF HIS OWN CABINET MEMBERS AND HAND-PICKED MEMBERS OF SANGGUNANG BAYAN ASSOCIATION HARDLY QUALIFIES AS LEGISLATIVE BODY. MARCOS MADE SPECIAL POINT OF CALLING ATTENTION OF FOREIGNERS PRESENT (PRIMARILY DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE ON SURVIVAL OF HUMANKIND) TO CREATION OF NEW BODY WHICH SUGGESTS HE BELIEVES HIS ACTION MIGHT HAVE FAVORABLE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION.
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